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TOPIC Soviet Troops Detained in the WEISSWASSER Area

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REMARKS

25X1 1. Soviet units detained in WEISSWASSER (O 52/A 74) from mid-September to early November 1949. After a short stay they moved to GOERLITZ Heath. The troops included many soldiers who had recently arrived from the Soviet Union and who frightened the local population by their undisciplined conduct.

25X1 2. SP artillery units amounting to about a battalion detained in WEISSWASSER on 9 and 10 October 1949. These troops who were equipped with 120-mm SP guns, also left for the Goerlitz Heath.

25X1 Comment:

a. The report confirms previous information that there have been continual troop movements and detrainments in the area south of WEISSWASSER (tank range between NOCHTEN and RIETSCHEN) since the Summer of 1949. It is possible that a training camp for recruits of the 9th Mecz Div (Cadre) may have been established in the area

It is believed that maneuvers were conducted there during the second half of October 1949 by several component units of the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre), whose arrival and departure were observed. There has been no information that the WEISSWASSER training grounds will also be used by troops during the winter months. a new tank firing range was being established and preparations were being made for the construction of cantonments.

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